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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☒ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
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☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	3-7	YES
	Claims	1, 2, 8, 9	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP, 2002-73391, A (Ishida Co., Ltd.), 12 March, 2002 (12.03.02), paragraphs [0002]-[0006], [0018]-[0039], [0051], Figs. 1-3 (Family: none)

Document 2: JP, 2000-242534, A (Sharp Corp.), 8 September, 2000 (08.09.00), paragraphs [0002]-[0004] (Family: none)

Document 3: JP, 2000-187607, A (Fujitsu Ltd.), 4 July, 2000 (04.07.00), full text, all drawings (Family: none)

The subject matters of claims 1, 2, 8, and 9 do not appear to be novel or to involve an inventive step, since they are described in paragraphs [0018]-[0039] of document 1 cited in the ISR.

The subject matter of claim 3 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1. Using a well-known "device serial number" as "an identifier for identifying a terminal" (see paragraph [0034]) in the invention described in document 1 is a matter a person skilled in the art could have performed as required.

The subject matter of claim 4 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1. A technique in which a hash value is obtained with an original file name as a key, and the obtained value is a converted file name so as to satisfy a file name length limitation, is well known as described in documents 2 and 3 cited in the ISR, and a person skilled in the art could have easily applied the well-known technique in the invention described in document 1.

The subject matter of claim 5 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1. Constituting a hash value to be shown as a number N ($N > 10$) is a matter a person skilled in the art could have performed as required.

The subject matter of claim 6 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1. Limiting a file name including a hash value to be less than or equal to 8 characters and an extension to be less than or equal to 3 characters is a matter a person skilled in the art could have performed as required.

The subject matter of claim 7 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1. Storing data in a recording medium with a generated file name is a matter a person skilled in the art could have performed as required.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Since the term "global unique identifier" described in claims 1, 8, and 9 does not identify any specific identifier, the subject matters of claims 1, 8, and 9 as a whole are unclear.